

REMARKS

In the final Office Action mailed on July 26, 2006, the Examiner rejected claims 17-21 and 23-33 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over International Publication No. WO 00/25239 of Shafron and U.S. Patent No. 6,297,819 to Furst; and allowed claims 1, 3-16, and 22.

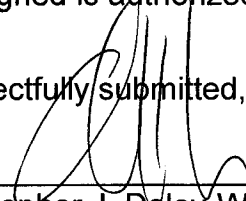
In this response, without conceding the merits of the rejection, applicant cancels claims 17-21 and 23-33. In addition, applicant adds new means-plus-function claims 34-48, which are substantially similar to allowed method claims, 1, and 3-16. No new matter is added. Accordingly, claims 1, 3-16, 22, and 34-48 are currently pending in this application.

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Applicant believes that all fees due in connection with this response are being paid herewith. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 50-0665, under Order No. 343538004US from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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